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1. The Lauchhammer Kokerei gets its water supply by a main from the pumping station on the bathing beach (Pumpenhaus am Strandbad). The plant itself consists of two series of furnace units, 24 altogether. Each unit consists of two furnaces. Only two units are in service as yet. 25X1
2. No more units can be expected to be placed in service before July 1953. This is primarily because there are no facilities in East Germany for the manufacture of 600 MVA switches, which are necessary to put additional units into operation.
3. The motors used in the Grosskokerei Lauchhammer were manufactured at Wernigerode. These motors have developed defects, causing the insulation on the lower winding heads (Wicklungsköpfe) to burn out. It is not certain whether this is because of the poor quality of material or of a lack of proper finishing in the factory. It is also possible that the insulation may have been damaged by the sulphuric acid content of the coke dust.

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